IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for finishing polycarbonate produced by reaction in a melt of a diaryl carbonate and a dihydric phenol in the presence of a basic catalyst to produce an intermediate polycarbonate composition, comprising:

combining the intermediate polycarbonate composition with an alkyl tosylate and about 2 ppm to about 6 ppm phosphorous acid; and

processing the combination of the intermediate polycarbonate composition, the alkyl tosylate and the phosphorous acid to blend the combination and quench residual basic catalyst present in the intermediate polycarbonate composition.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the alkyl tosylate is n-butyl tosylate.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the amount of n-butyl tosylate is from about 2 to about 5 ppm.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) The method of claim of claim 1, wherein the alkyl tosylate is combined with the intermediate polycarbonate composition in a liquid carrier.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the liquid carrier is propylene carbonate.

8.-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) An aromatic polycarbonate composition comprising:

an aromatic polycarbonate obtained by reacting a diaryl carbonate and a dihydric phenol in the presence of a basic catalyst in melt;

an alkyl tosylate; and

about 2 ppm to about 6 ppm phosphorous acid.

11. (Original) The composition of claim 10, wherein the alkyl tosylate is n-butyl tosylate.

12. (Original) The composition according to claim 11, wherein the n-butyl tosylate is present in an amount of from about 2 to 5 ppm.

13.-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously Presented) A method for finishing polycarbonate produced by reaction in a melt of a diaryl carbonate and a dihydric phenol in the presence of a basic catalyst to produce an intermediate polycarbonate composition, consisting of:

combining the intermediate polycarbonate composition with an alkyl tosylate and about 2 ppm to about 6 ppm phosphorous acid; and

processing the combination of the intermediate polycarbonate composition, the alkyl tosylate and the phosphorous acid to blend the combination and quench residual basic catalyst present in the intermediate polycarbonate composition.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the alkyl tosylate is n-butyl tosylate.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the amount of n-butyl tosylate is from about 2 to about 5 ppm.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim of claim 15, wherein the alkyl tosylate is combined with the intermediate polycarbonate composition in a liquid carrier.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the liquid carrier is propylene carbonate.

20. (Previously Presented) An aromatic polycarbonate composition consisting of:

an aromatic polycarbonate obtained by reacting a diaryl carbonate and a dihydric phenol in the presence of a basic catalyst in melt;

an alkyl tosylate; and

about 2 ppm to about 6 ppm phosphorous acid.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein the alkyl tosylate is n-butyl tosylate.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the amount of n-butyl tosylate is from about 2 to about 5 ppm.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim of claim 20, wherein the alkyl tosylate is combined with the intermediate polycarbonate composition in a liquid carrier.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the liquid carrier is propylene carbonate.